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Claims 10-12, 19-21, and 23-25 are now pending. Claims 1-9, 13-18, and 22 were cancelled. Claims 10, 19, 21, 23 and 25 were amended with subject matter previously claimed and allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephonic interview with Applicants' representative on August 29, 2006. During this interview, suggested §101 language was discussed.

Claims 10-12, 19-21, and 23-25 were previously objected to but allowable if amended to incorporate base claim and intervening claim limitations. The allowability of claims 10-12, 19-21, and 23-25 is gratefully acknowledged. Claims 10, 19, 21, 23 and 25 have been amended to incorporate their respective base claim as originally filed and allowed.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 19 and 21 have been amended to meet 35 U.S.C. §101 requirements in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion regarding cancelled claim 18; withdrawal of the §101 rejection is respectfully requested.

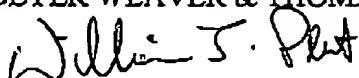
Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-9, 13-18 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ishiyama (2001/0008544) in view of Liu (6,904,094). These claims have been cancelled without prejudice to prosecution in this or another patent application.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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